



Suffolk County HOME Consortium

Emergency Rental Assistance Program for COVID-19 Relief

Quick Reference Guide

ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE: The Suffolk County Consortium emergency rental assistance funds are a one-time payment granted to eligible applicants in an amount up to 100% of one month’s rent, up to a maximum of \$2,500. This program funds residents in existing rental units. The applicant will be required to fill out and sign a self-certification form to verify their income and how they were affected by the pandemic.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: An Applicant Must:

- 1. Be a Suffolk County resident who is currently occupying a legal permanent housing unit (no hotels, motels, or dorms) within one of the participating Consortium municipalities (see below).
- 2. Have a fully-executed lease that has been in effect for a minimum of one month at the time of application, and has a term of at least one year.
- 3. Have a Total Household Income within the HUD Guidelines (see below), which has been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

2020 INCOME GUIDELINES: The maximum permitted combined gross annual household income for applicants shall not exceed 80% of the area median annual household income (AMI) as determined by HUD. Applicants residing within the Town of Huntington cannot exceed 60% AMI. Such amounts are set forth below.

Household Size	Maximum Combined Allowable Annual Income (60%AMI)	Maximum Combined Allowable Annual Income (80%AMI)
1	\$53,200	\$70,900
2	\$60,800	\$81,050
3	\$68,400	\$91,200
4	\$76,000	\$101,300
5	\$82,050	\$109,400
6	\$88,150	\$117,500
7	\$94,200	\$125,600
8 or more	\$100,300	\$133,700

ELIGIBLE RENTAL ASSISTANCE AREA:

Applicants must reside in a rental unit **within the Suffolk County HOME Consortium area**, which includes:
Town of East Hampton - and the Village of Sag Harbor.
Town of Huntington - the entire town.
Town of Riverhead - the entire town.
Town of Smithtown - and the Village of the Branch.
Town of Southampton - and the Villages of Sag Harbor, Southampton, Westhampton Beach and Westhampton Dunes.
Town of Southold – the entire town.
Town of Shelter Island - excluding incorporated villages.

Please note that the **Town of Islip, Town of Babylon, and the Town of Brookhaven** are **NOT** part of the Suffolk County Consortium. Rental units to be funded cannot be located within these towns.

ELIGIBLE UNITS: Pre-existing or newly constructed single family residences located within the Suffolk County Consortium Selection Area must be occupied as a principal residence, including single-family houses, apartments, condominiums, cooperative apartments (co-ops) or manufactured homes.

Applications will be selected via lottery after the application window closes. Selected applicants and their landlords will be contacted by the County for further information and eligibility review. **Selection in the lottery is NOT a guarantee of funding.** Participation by both tenant and landlord is required for eligibility. Payments will be made directly to the landlord.

Applications will available online, accessible by your smartphone or PC, on **December 15, 2020**. Online applications must be submitted **by January 15, 2021**.

Still have questions? Call the Community Development Office at (631) 853-5705 or Community.Development@SuffolkCountyNY.gov

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